

$$\begin{array}{c}
 R^1 - R_x - C(=O) - N \\
 | \\
 Y - \delta - \text{membered ring} \\
 | \\
 C(=O) - N - (CH_2)_n - B \\
 | \\
 R^y
 \end{array}$$

- 5 wherein  $R^1$ ,  $R_x$ ,  $Y$ ,  $R^y$ ,  $n$  and  $B$  have meanings given in the description which are useful as competitive inhibitors of trypsin-like proteases, such as thrombin, and in particular in the treatment of conditions where inhibition of thrombin is required (e.g. thrombosis) or as anticoagulants.